

Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Title: SECURE INITIALIZATION OF COMMUNICATION WITH A NETWORK RESOURCE**REMARKS**

The following Remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 3, 2007, in which claims 1-6, 13-30, and 36-51 were rejected.

Claims 1-6, 13-30, and 36-51 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-6, 13-30, and 36-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement in that the Examiner contends that the claim(s) contain subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. More specifically, the Examiner contends that the specification discloses receiving an access, but does not explicitly disclose receiving "unsecured" access to the network and responding to the "unsecured" access as amended.

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Regarding receiving "unsecured" access to the network and responding to the "unsecured" access as amended, Applicant notes, for example, that page 12, lines 8-15 of the Specification provide that:

It should be noted that the configuration information provided by the security configuration page 130 is provided to the user without exposure across a network 103 in an unsecured mode. This allows the user to access network resource 102 in a more convenient unsecured mode (e.g., SNMPv1) in order to obtain the security configuration page 130, and then subsequently initiate secure communication after configuring the management application 110 (emphasis added).

In addition, page 12, lines 15-29 of the Specification provide that:

In this manner, embodiments of the present invention provide a solution that protects sensitive network resources, such as print servers and the like, while retaining the ability to accommodate new users. New users are still able to access unsecured areas or insensitive areas of network 103 while remaining in an unsecured mode. Once the user requires access to a high value network resource (e.g., network resource 102) the user requests a security configuration page 130

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and configure his/her client 101 accordingly (e.g., via the management application 110). Once secure communication is initialized, the embodiments of the present invention protect against common network attacks such as spoofing, packet sniffing, and the like. In this manner, embodiments of the present invention provide access to those individuals requiring it, while simultaneously preventing and denying access to those who are not authorized (emphasis added).

Accordingly, Applicant submits that receiving "unsecured" access to the network and responding to the "unsecured" access as amended was described in the specification.

Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-6, 13-30, and 36-51 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 1-6, 13-30, and 36-51 be allowed.

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In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-6, 13-30, and 36-51 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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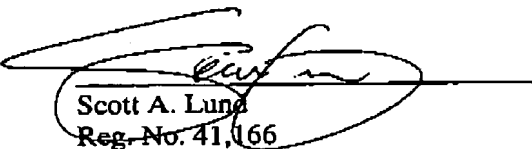
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